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Week Beginning 18th March 2024

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STUDENT NEWS

Please click below to see what our students have been up to in our weekly Student Bulletins:

**STUDENT
BULLETIN**

Dear all,

The sun is shining, the days are brighter, and it is starting to feel like spring. It has been lovely to welcome Year 9 Parents to school this Tuesday. Students welcomed their parents and showed them around the school site with a mix of enthusiasm and teenage embarrassment. It was lovely to see families enjoying this experience and taking the opportunity to walk down memory lane and recall their school experiences whilst sharing the experience of their child. Thank you to all the parents who attended the event, your feedback will be used to support school development.

On Thursday 7th March Mrs Macken (Head of Expressive Arts) supported by Mr Birkitt (Teacher of Drama and Reading and Literacy Lead), Mrs Stewart (Medical Needs Co-ordinator) and Ms Heron (Head of Art) led the Shakespeare's School Festivals. This was such an enjoyable experience and was inspiring to see young people take to the stage in a confident and articulate way, they demonstrated our PROUD principles of reading, oracy and understanding the wider world. It was a pleasure to watch our student's interpretation of The Tempest. Thank you to the staff and students who came to watch the performance at the Woodville Theatre in Gravesend.

RMGS is the lead school for Science in the Southeast of England as part of the Science Learning Partnership (SLP). Mr Frost (Assistant Headteacher and SLP Lead) collaborates with schools across the southeast to develop, resources, expertise, and pedagogy in science. On Saturday 9th March I had the pleasure of attending the SLP Physics Day. This was an exciting opportunity to discuss pedagogy and the new developments in science and how we can incorporate this in our curriculum to inspire students and engage them.

A huge thank you to Mr Frost for leading on this.





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Mrs Walsh (Learning Support Assistant) kindly nominated Mrs Wallis (Catering Manager) and the catering team into Jamie Oliver's School dinners competition. Mrs Wallis and her team have got into the shortlisting stage based on the feedback and nominations the team have received. A huge congratulations to Mrs Wallis and our in-house catering team. Mrs Wallis is committed to ensuring that our staff and students receive a diverse menu that is nutritious and appeals to the dietary needs and preferences of our students. Mrs Wallis has been working with students and staff using stakeholder surveys to incorporate their recommendations and feedback. Thank you to Mrs Wallis and the wider catering team.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs Hart
Headteacher



HERBIE'S NEWS



Hi I'm Herbie and I work at RMGS and I know I have met lots of you but I thought I could have my own space in the newsletter. This term I have been very busy attending dog agility and can now do the weave poles! I have been watching Crufts too and I think I am just as fast. I have been meeting some of you in school and I enjoy my cuddles in the morning with lots of you. If you want to come say hi I am usually by the tennis courts or speak to my mum Mrs Mayes.

When I am not at school I like to play with my friends and I also get to visit my real mum and brother too. At home I have a big sister called Phoebe who is a Chocolate Labrador and Marty a very fluffy tiny Chihuahua who thinks he is the boss!





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SSCO Rowing Championships

On Thursday 7th March we took 4 boys and 4 girls from each year group to the SSCO Rowing Championships and they did not disappoint. The year 10 boys won gold and the year 7 girls won silver. Well done to the following students:

Tomiwa O, Ollie W, Ethan M, James S, Betty W, Andromeda J, Lilia T, Faith U, Nancy L, Chloe T, Eghosa O, Gabriella E, William C, Thomas C, Jakub P, Joshua W, Ava G, Brooke T, Rachel O, Phoebe O, Ruben D, Ayomile K, Osmund I, Noah K, Harry W, Josh R, Atay A, Emmanuel P, Tia S, Chloe M, Eva P and Ellie W .



Ms Nott





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Coram Shakespeare Schools Festival

On Thursday 7th March, all three RMET schools performed at The Woodville Halls as part of the 2024 Coram Shakespeare Schools Festival. Students and staff have been working hard since September 2023 as cast, crew and directors to bring to life some of Shakespeare's famous plays. The RMGS students performed a wonderful adaptation of 'The Tempest' where 'modernity met the old age'. Hawaiian shirts, UV glasses and inflatable flamingos were the order of the day and great fun was had by all! This project truly demonstrated the community spirit of our students who worked closely together to support each other through the process. Bryony made badges for everyone and George and Thomas made bakes and cookies as treats throughout the day. Our wonderful 6th form helpers were an absolute credit to the school assisting the primary schools in their first ever participation of the Festival. We cannot wait to see what SSF 2025 brings!

Our revels now are ended. These our actors,
As I foretold you, were all spirits and
Are melted into air, into thin air;
And, like the baseless fabric of this vision,
The cloud-capp'd towers, the gorgeous palaces,
The solemn temples, the great globe itself,
Yea, all which it inherit, shall dissolve,
And, like this insubstantial pageant faded,
Leave not a rack behind. We are such stuff
As dreams are made on: and our little life
Is rounded with a sleep.

(Prospero, Act 4 Scene 1)





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Medway Young Musician of the Year

RMGS hosted the audition round the Rotary Medway Young Musician of the Year competition on Friday 8th March. Entry was open to any student at school in Medway who play to at least Grade 7 standard. Terrence W in Year 10 and Thomas E in Year 12 represented RMGS, and did themselves and the school proud with their performances.

All the candidates played well, with the quality of musicianship and communication strong across the board. Pieces played ranged from Bach to Rachmaninov to Milhaud, so it was an evening of musical variety.

Thomas was selected to compete in the final, which takes place in the Glassbox Theatre on Friday 26th April. Tickets are available directly from the theatre so please do come and support. We wish him all the best.

RMGS Big Band and Kent Youth Jazz Orchestra Workshop

RMGS students participated in a joint workshop with the Kent youth Jazz Orchestra (KYJO) on Tuesday 12th March. It was held in the Recital Hall, and young musicians from across Kent took part.

Students learnt to play Sonny Rollins' *Sonnymoon* by ear – just by listening and playing from memory – and then spent time learning improvisation skills based around the scales used in the piece.

For the second part of the workshop we learnt to play a mash-up of two Herbie Hancock tunes – *Chameleon* and *Watermelon Man*. These funk pieces gave the backline a chance to shine, and also the melody instruments another chance to improvise.

All the Big Band members were given an invitation to join KYJO, which rehearses every other Tuesday at Invicta Grammar School in Maidstone.

If any students are interested in joining KYJO, they should visit www.kyjo.co.uk for more information.





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Mme Aribi's Year 8R/FR participated to a French catwalk today presenting and describing what they are wearing using the correct adjective agreement. This gave them the opportunity to dress up in their ideal school uniform. A fun lesson which allowed our students to retain better, improve their comprehension while performing.



Year 7 Shout Outs!

Top Reward Points Per Form:

7A — Chaim—Aaron H — 225	7N — Erin N — 303
7B — Sophie E — 406	7P — Alfie G — 205
7F — Neve E — 268	7R — Calvin N — 324
7L — Faith U — 324	7S — Edie M — 274

Well done to S7 who had the highest attendance in Year 7 and the whole school with 98.97!!

Well Done to all students!



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EASTER HOLIDAY

MUSIC VIDEO WORKSHOP

Work with industry professionals to make a music video.
Learn how to storyboard, film and edit.



Open to autistic, learning disabled or neurodivergent
young people aged 14 - 25

The Sunlight Centre, Gillingham

Wednesday 3rd April
Thursday 4th April
Friday 5th April
10 am - 2pm

Friday 12th April
11am - 12pm

To book or find out more contact us.
Email: assistant@squarepegsarts.com
Phone: 07415128885

Limited spaces available.

£25 for the 4 sessions

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- > Free easter.hols
- > Online
- > Music Technology Courses

Friday 5th April 2024
For ages 9-18

Beginner and Intermediate Courses

Learning production techniques and how to make music electronically



For full details and to apply visit

www.medwaymusicassociation.co.uk



Easter Music Courses 2024

2nd - 4th April

Rainham Mark Grammar School

For more details and to apply visit
www.medwaymusicassociation.co.uk

For any enquiries
info@medwaymusicassociation.co.uk





RMGS SPORT



PE Department Sport Website: <https://sports.rainhammark.com/>



RMGS PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

TERM 4



TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAK 10:55 – 11:15	BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) (DUTY STAFF)	BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) (DUTY STAFF)	BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) (DUTY STAFF)	BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB Y9 / 10 / 11 / 6 TH (sports hall) (DUTY STAFF)	BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB Y9 / 10 / 11 / 6 TH (sports hall) (DUTY STAFF)
LUNCH 1:30 – 2:00	BASKETBALL CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) GRA	BASKETBALL CLUB Y9 / 10 (sports hall) GRA TABLE TENNIS CLUB ALL YEARS (top gym) CON	FITNESS CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports centre) ALO BADMINTON CLUB Y11 GCSE <u>invite only</u> (sports hall) SP / CON	ORIENTEERING CLUB KS3 (sports centre) MAL	BADMINTON CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) JWI
AFTER SCHOOL 3:05 – 4:30	TRAMPOLINING CLUB Y7 / 8 SP FITNESS CLUB Y9 / 10 / 11 (sports centre) ALO	NETBALL SQUAD TRAINING Y 7-10 (optional Y11) SP / KNO GIRLS CRICKET CLUB Y7 / 8 / 9 CON	CROSS COUNTRY & FITNESS CLUB (ALL YEARS) KNO	NETBALL 4 ALL Y7 / 8 / 9 MAL / JWI	

If you are attending a lunch club you are able to receive a fast track lunch pass from the PE department. Please bring your planner to the PE office at break to be signed.

Any questions please ask a member of the PE Department.



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RMGS CLUBS

RMGS EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS 2023-24					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCH TIME	Buzz Club 1:40pm - 2:05pm The Well String Group Recital Hall Music Technology - E2 KS4 iMedia 1:20pm - 1:40pm D1 KS3 Computing 1:20pm - 1:40pm D1	MedSoc (Year 13 until Jan) 1:40pm - 2:05pm Q1 Junior Wind Band Recital Hall KS4 & KS5 Art Club - R2 KS4 iMedia 1:20pm - 2:05pm D1 Eco Club 1:30pm - 2:00pm - D2 KS3 Computing (HW and catch up) 1:20pm - 1:40pm D1 Sixth Form Book Club (1 st Tuesday of every term) L1	Chess Club 1:20pm - 2:05pm - HZ Ukulele Club - E1 Year 11 D&T NEA support clinic KS3 Art Club - R2 KS4 iMedia 1:20pm - 1:40pm - D1 KS3 Computing (HW and catch up) 1:20pm - 1:40pm - D1 A Level Chemistry Clinic 1:35pm - 2:00pm - M6 Scrabble Club - L3 Music Support - E2 Sparx Club - N6	Arts for Wellbeing (All years) - R2 Year 7 & 8 Airingers (Drone club) - DT Brass Group - Recital Hall KS3 Computing (HW and catch up) 1:20pm - 1:40pm - D1 KS4 iMedia 1:20pm - 2:05pm - D1 Buzz Club 1:40pm - 2:05pm The Well Quantum Physics 1:35pm - 2:05pm - M9	KS4 iMedia 1:20pm - 1:40pm D1 Diversity Group 1:35pm C4 KS3 Computing (HW and catch up) 1:20pm - 1:40pm D1 Debating Society 1:30pm - 2:00pm L2
AFTER SCHOOL	Homework Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm Library Tabletop Gaming Club (formerly D&D) 3:15pm - 4:30pm F3	Homework Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm Library Science Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm M5 Jam Club 3:15pm Music block	Homework Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm Library GCSE Astronomy 3:15pm - 4:45pm M7 Bronze & Silver Arts Award Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm	Homework Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm Library Big Band 3:15pm Music Block Shakespeare Schools' Festival 3:15pm - 4:15pm	Homework Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm Library



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Term Dates 2023 - 2024

Term 4

Start:

Monday 19/02/24

Finish:

Thursday 28/03/24

Easter break: Friday 29/03/24 – Friday 12/04/24

Term 5

Start:

Monday 15/04/24

Finish:

Friday 24/05/24

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2024

Half term break: Monday 27/05/24 – Friday 31/05/24

Term 6

Start:

Monday 03/06/24

Finish:

Friday 19/07/24

Tuesday 02/07/24 - INSET Day

PLEASE CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE TERM DATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024 TO JULY 2025